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C. USUN 0235; D. DA 031425Z FEB 76; E. DA 281948Z JAN 76

1. REF. A CONTAINED UN REQUEST FOR TWO TACAN SETS ALONG WITH "SPARE PART AS REQUIRED FOR A ONE-YEAR OPERATION AS WELL AS SPECIALIZED TEST AND MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS REQUIRED FOR ORGANIZATIONAL MAINTENANCE.". REF. B REQUESTED UN DESIRES RE. USE OF QUALIFIED TECHNICIANS FOR ORGANIZATIONAL MAINTENANCE OF TACAN'S AND UN'S CHOICE OF SUPPORT CONCEPT. REF. C TRANSMITTED UN DESIRES RE. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM COMPOSITION AND TERMINUS FOR SURFACE SHIPMENT TO UNEF. REF. D CONTAINED DEPT. OF ARMY REQUEST TO DEPT. OF NAVY TO DETERMINE FEASIBILITY OF NAVY'S PROVIDING TECHNICAL PERSONNEL TO ASSIST UN IN ERECTING OBSERVATION POSTS AS WELL AS PROVIDING SUCH PERSONNEL TO ASSIST IN ERECTING AND INSTALLING BASE CAMPS. REF. E REQUESTED ADVICE AS TO WHETHER POLICY FOR SELECTING TERMINAL PORT DESCRIBED IN PARA. 5, REF. E, IS CONSISTENT WITH UN DESIRES.

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2. RE. TACAN SUPPORT, UN FIELD OPERATIONS SERVICE HAS SELECTED THE ALTERNATE SUPPORT CONCEPT DESCRIBED IN PARA. 2, REF. B. UN INTENDS TO USE CANADIAN TECHNICIANS PRESENTLY ASSIGNED OR SOON TO BE ASSIGNED TO UNEF. UN REQUESTS THAT ONCE TACAN'S ARE IN PLACE, A U.S. CIVILIAN TECHNICIAN BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE TIME NECESSARY TO PUT TACAN'S ON THE AIR AND TO ORIENT UNEF TECHNICIANS IN TUNING SETS AND IN ORGANIZATIONAL MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS PECULIAR TO THE AN/TRN-31. UN HAS YET TO DETERMINE FINAL LOCATIONS OF SETS, BUT WILL INFORM USUN AS SOON AS DETERMINED. REQUESTED ARRIVAL TIME FOR US TACAN TECHNICIANS WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN IN-PLACE DATES CAN BE DETERMINED.

3. RE. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAMS REQUESTED IN REF. C, UN FIELD OPERATIONS SERVICE REQUESTS THE FOLLOWING:

- A. ARRIVAL OF 3-MAN TEAM TO ASSIST IN OFFLOADING AND SORTING UNEF CARGO TO COINCIDE WITH DOCKING OF LASH ATLANTICO, DUE IN PORT SAID ON OR ABOUT 13 FEB 1976, AND TO REMAIN THROUGH ARRIVAL OF LASH TURKIYE, DUE IN PORT SAID ON OR ABOUT 23 FEB 1976.
- B. ARRIVAL OF 2-MAN TEAM TO ASSIST IN ERECTING OBSERVATION POSTS WITHIN 1-2 DAYS AFTER DOCKING OF LASH ATLANTICO.
- C. ARRIVAL OF 3-MAN TEAM TO ASSIST IN ERECTING AND INSTALLING BASE CAMPS WITHIN 5-10 DAYS AFTER DOCKING OF FIRST SHIP CARRYING BASE CAMPS COMPONENTS.

4. RE. UN'S DESIRES FOR TERMINAL PORT SELECTION POLICY, UN CONCURS WITH PARA. 5, REF. E, WITH FOLLOWING EXCEPTION. UN DESIRES THAT, IN THE EVENT THAT A DELAY IN EXCESS OF 72 HOURS WILL BE CAUSED BY SELECTING PORT SAID AS THE TERMINUS RATHER THAN ALEXANDRIA, THAT THE UN BE ADVISED OF THE ESTIMATED DELAY TIME THROUGH USUN. UN WOULD THEN MAKE THE DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER TO ACCEPT THE DELAY AND STILL RETAIN PORT SAID AS THE TERMINUS. UN HAS INFORMED USUN THAT UNEF IS NOW PHASING DOWN ITS PORT OPERATION IN ALEXANDRIA AND SHOULD COMPLETELY PHASE OUT THIS OPERATION WITHIN THE NEXT 2-3 MONTHS.

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